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Parents Who Want Their Teens To Read More Books

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Denise Brown Ellis says:

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Initial post: Feb 28, 2008 5:40 PM PST

K. C. Barrister says:

I don't know the best way to say this, so I think I'll just be brutally honest. I happen to be the mother of three teenager daughters, and am also a university professor who works with eighteen- and nineteen-year-olds. In my opinion, no teenager is going to look seriously at your book. Teens are looking for something edgier - if nothing else, compare your cover to the covers of Eragon, Eldest, and Brisingr by Christopher Paolini. Those books are marketed to the same audience you're trying to hit, and the covers also feature dragons, but are stronger images with a more mature look. I think your cover would more likely appeal to the elementary school market. I know this isn't what you want to hear, and I wish I could tell you otherwise, but it's my honest opinion.

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Yes No

Denise Brown Ellis says:

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In reply to an earlier post on Mar 15, 2008 10:38 AM PDT

K. C. Barrister says:

FYI: My daughters are 16, 14, and 11. But I wish you the best.

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Yes No

Denise Brown Ellis says:

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In reply to an earlier post on Mar 15, 2008 4:08 PM PDT
Last edited by the author on Mar 15, 2008 4:10 PM PDT

L. A. Heap says:

Seeing as you said it's okay to be brutally honest, I'll post this. I hope you don't mind that I'm not a parent, seeing as you clearly directed your question towards parents.

Coming from a thirteen year old, I think the cover of this book would appeal more to a younger audience. I agree with K.C. Barrister; the majority of our middle school and older elementary school student (5th and 6th graders) own copies of Christopher Paolini's books and we're doomed to compare them.

My opinion may be rather biased, though. Personally, I've never liked computer-game type images.

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Yes No

Joseph Ekaitis says:

Quoting Denise Brown Ellis:
"I don't want an eighteen or nineteen year old to be interested in my childrens and young teens book. If an eighteen or nineteen year old isn't reading more mature books instead of reading children's and young teen books then I would think that there is something very wrong with them. Thank you."

There must really be something wrong with me. I'm past the half-century mark and I still love to sit down with "The Wind in the Willows" and "Stuart Little" and "The Reluctant Dragon." I love it when people tell me they bought my book for their kids, then had to go out and buy another copy for themselves and their adult friends, or that their oh-so-cool teenage children enjoyed it.

Yeah, a lot of sick, twisted people in this world, but like the bumper sticker says:

I don't suffer from insanity.
I enjoy every moment.

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Yes No

Archer McFarland says:

Joseph: Hear, Hear!
I still read Lewis Carroll and A.A. Milne, for cryin' out loud. I LOVE Tasha Tudor's 'Corgiville Fair'. Now, there probably IS something wrong with me, but I don't think reading children's fiction is the best indicator. It's almost as though I have reversed my taste in literature...I read 'Moby Dick' when I was ten years old. Of course, all we had in the house were the 'classics'. :-)

On an unrelated note, I am curious as to what has drawn people to actually purchase 'Antigua'? It seems that a few people have purchased it, even with 'search inside' and the worst reviews I've yet beheld. I'd really like to know what motivated them to purchase it, but I would consider it rude to start such a thread on Denise's 'product forums'. Would this be in poor taste, do you think? I'd also like to know where Denise got her marketing advice. If her publisher so advised her (which I doubt) I will have words with them! If she came up with it on her own, I'd like to know that, too.

'Archer'

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The Recent Purchases column of the author's profile page reveals a tactic to sweeten a book's sales ranking on Amazon.com, and often recommended by vanity publishers.

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Yes No

Denise Brown Ellis says:

In reply to an earlier post on Mar 23, 2008 12:51 PM PDT

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